IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 39, 53, 58 and 61 without prejudice or disclaimer and AMEND claims 26, 33, 34, 42, 55, 57, 60, 63 and 64 as follows.

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving, in a mobile terminal belonging to a communication group in a mobile communication system, a triggering message indicating the communication group and informing the mobile terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated; and

in response to the receiving, bringing the mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system, to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group, wherein

the receiving comprises receiving the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether the mobile terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, and

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the mobile terminal is brought to said state substantially at said starting time.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing includes establishing a connection to the packet data network.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bringing includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27, wherein the bringing further includes registering a user of the mobile terminal with a server offering the packet-based service session.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 28, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 29, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor configured to

~~a receiver configured to~~ receive a triggering message, wherein the triggering message indicates a communication group to which the apparatus belongs and informs the apparatus of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated~~;~~, and

~~a processor, operatively connected to the receiver, configured to~~ bring, in response to the triggering message, the apparatus to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network, that is included in a mobile communication system, to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group, wherein

the ~~receiver~~processor is configured to receive the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether the apparatus is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, and

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the processor is further configured to bring the apparatus to said state substantially at said starting time.

34. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the processor is further configured to establish a connection to the packet data network ~~if~~when the apparatus comprises a disconnected state with respect to the packet data network when the apparatus is to be brought to said state.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the processor is further configured to register a user of the apparatus with a server offering the packet-based service session.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the processor is further configured to register a user of the apparatus with a server offering the packet-based service session.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the server comprises a push-to-talk-over-cellular server.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the processor is further configured to bring the apparatus to said state substantially without delay in response to the triggering message.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor configured to

~~a processor configured to~~ compose a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the apparatus, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

~~a transmitter configured to~~ initiate sending of the triggering message from the apparatus to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein

the ~~transmitter~~processor is configured to initiate the sending of the triggering message so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second terminal is any of the at least one first terminal, and

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the processor is further configured to bring the apparatus to said state substantially at said starting time.

43-52. (Cancelled)

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, further comprising:

prompting a user of the mobile terminal to accept the packet-based service session.

55. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the processor is further ~~comprising: an output~~ configured to prompt a user of the apparatus to accept the packet-based service session.

56. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the apparatus comprises a mobile terminal and the second mobile terminal is any of the at least one first mobile terminal.

57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

message composing means for composing a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the apparatus, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

first interface means for sending the triggering message from the apparatus to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first apparatus of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the first interface

means is configured to send the triggering message so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second apparatus is any of the at least one first terminal, wherein

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the at least one first terminal is brought to said state substantially at said starting time.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the triggering message comprises a multimedia message service message.

60. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

composing, in an originating mobile terminal, a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating terminal, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

sending the triggering message from the originating terminal to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first terminal of a packet-based service

session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the triggering message is sent so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second terminal is any of the at least one first terminal, wherein

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the at least one first terminal is brought to said state substantially at said starting time.

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, wherein the triggering message comprises a multimedia message service message.

63. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable storage medium, the program configured to control a processor to perform a process, the process comprising:

receiving, in a mobile terminal belonging to a communication group in a mobile communication system, a triggering message indicating the communication group and informing the mobile terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated; and

in response to the receiving, bringing the mobile terminal to a state allowing reception of packets from a packet data network belonging to the mobile communication system, to enable participation in the packet-based service session of the communication group, wherein

the receiving comprises receiving the triggering message so that the triggering message is receivable from the mobile communication system regardless of whether the mobile terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, and

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the mobile terminal is brought to said state substantially at said starting time.

64. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable storage medium, the program configured to control a processor to perform a process, the process comprising:

composing, in an originating mobile terminal, a triggering message indicating a communication group comprising, in addition to the originating terminal, at least one first terminal, wherein the terminals of the communication group have unknown attachment statuses relative to a packet data network that is included in a mobile communication system; and

sending the triggering message from the originating terminal to the at least one first terminal, so as to inform the at least one first terminal of a packet-based service session of the communication group to be initiated, wherein the triggering message is

sent so that the triggering message can be received by a second terminal regardless of whether the second terminal is ready to participate in the packet-based service session, wherein the second terminal is any of the at least one first terminal, wherein

the triggering message indicates a starting time for the packet-based service session and the at least one first terminal is brought to said state substantially at said starting time.